

RESOLVED, That the Commission be assisted by the staffs of the Maryland Environmental Service, the Water Resources Administration, the Environmental Health Administration, the Department of State Planning, and the Office of the Science Advisor to the General Assembly, and that the Maryland Environmental Service provide secretarial service and assign a member of its staff to serve part time as the Commission's staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission report its findings and recommendations prior to the 1981 Session of the General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission and its duties and responsibilities shall expire on January 14, 1981; and be it further

RESOLVED. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland. the Honorable Harry Hughes.

Signed April 22 1980.

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No. 7

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 17)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Consumer Contracts - Plain Language

FOR the purpose of requesting the appointment of a Plain Language Study Committee to develop a proposal establishing guidelines requiring consumer contracts to be written in plain language.

WHEREAS. Each citizen enters into numerous consumer contracts during the normal course of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Accurate and relevant information in an understandable form is the key to the consumer decision making process; and

WHEREAS, Because the basis of a contract between parties is the meeting of their minds, the probability that a contract will reflect a true and accurate record of an agreement will increase if all parties understand that agreement; and

WHEREAS, Readable and understandable contracts written in clear and simple terms with provisions that follow a logical sequential order would lessen the need for governmental protection of consumers; now, therefore, be it

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